



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FHP ISSUES TRAFFIC ALERT IN PREPARATION FOR FUNERAL PROCESSION**

~ Motorists Should Seek Alternate Routes ~

**Ocala, Fla.** - The Florida Highway Patrol is preparing for the funeral of Trooper Chelsea Richard who was killed in the line of duty on Saturday, May 3, 2014. The funeral is being held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the First Baptist Church of Ocala. Certain roadways will be impacted during the funeral procession and traffic may become congested.

Traffic will be delayed for a brief time between N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Baseline Road on S.R. 40, then south on N.E. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Maricamp Road. Traffic in and around the First Baptist Church of Ocala will also be impacted. Motorists are urged to seek alternate routes between 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. If traveling in the area during this time frame motorists need to be aware of slowing and stopped traffic and pedestrians.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov), follow us on Twitter @FDHSMV or find us on Facebook.

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